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- 25X1 1. MONINO (38°11'E/55°51'N) was a small settlement located near the terminal of the MOSCOW suburban railway line.
- 25X1 2. For location and distribution of installations, see Annex, sketch 1.
- 25X1 3. The buildings of the new Air Academy were completed in May 1949 (for details and ground plan see Annex, sketch 2). Three-month courses for air force officers were given in the southern wing of the school. The courses were attended by about six hundred officers of all grades, including generals who were quartered in dwelling blocks located southeast of the road. The officers wore blue collar patches and had blue pipings around their caps. Insignia of wings and propellers were worn only on personal uniforms and when off duty. *
4. The adjoining airfield, extending in a northwesterly direction, was about 6,600 feet wide; its northwest extension was considerable, presumably several miles. The MONINO field was the last in a chain of three airfields constructed in a line extending southeast from MOSCOW. Seven or eight hangars of either corrugated sheet metal or brick and corrugated sheet metal were available at the field. Each of the hangars had a capacity of twenty small planes.
5. There was generally intensive training with obsolescent and new types of aircraft, particularly with single-engine fighters but also with some jet fighters. Twenty to thirty planes were almost always parked at the landing field and several planes were observed flying. There was also flying at night and in bad weather.
6. Sixty jet-fighters with sweptback wings landed at the field in October 1948, taking off again the next day. The tail assembly was set far to the top at the rear of the fuselage. **
7. A commission of one general, one lieutenant colonel, and two or three junior officers came from MOSCOW every four weeks to inspect the construction work.

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- * a. Report confirmed previous information on the MONINO airfield and the completion of construction of the local Air College. From the observed attendance of the officer courses held there it is inferred that advanced training for field officers is conducted in MONINO, which obviously is not an academy for the training of the higher command. This assumption is also supported by the practical training given there and the instructions with various types of aircraft. Mixed formations for instruction purposes seem to be ordered on display at the field from time to time.
- ** b. The statement on the intermediate landing by a formation of 60 jet fighters of the swept-back category in the fall of 1948 is noteworthy. Although the type of these jet planes could not be determined, it seems to be a fact that one air unit was already equipped, in the fall of 1948, with a jet fighter type displayed in July 1948.

1 Annex:

- sketch 1: Airfield of Monino
sketch 2: ~~Air~~ Academy of Monino

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Field
Air College of MONINO

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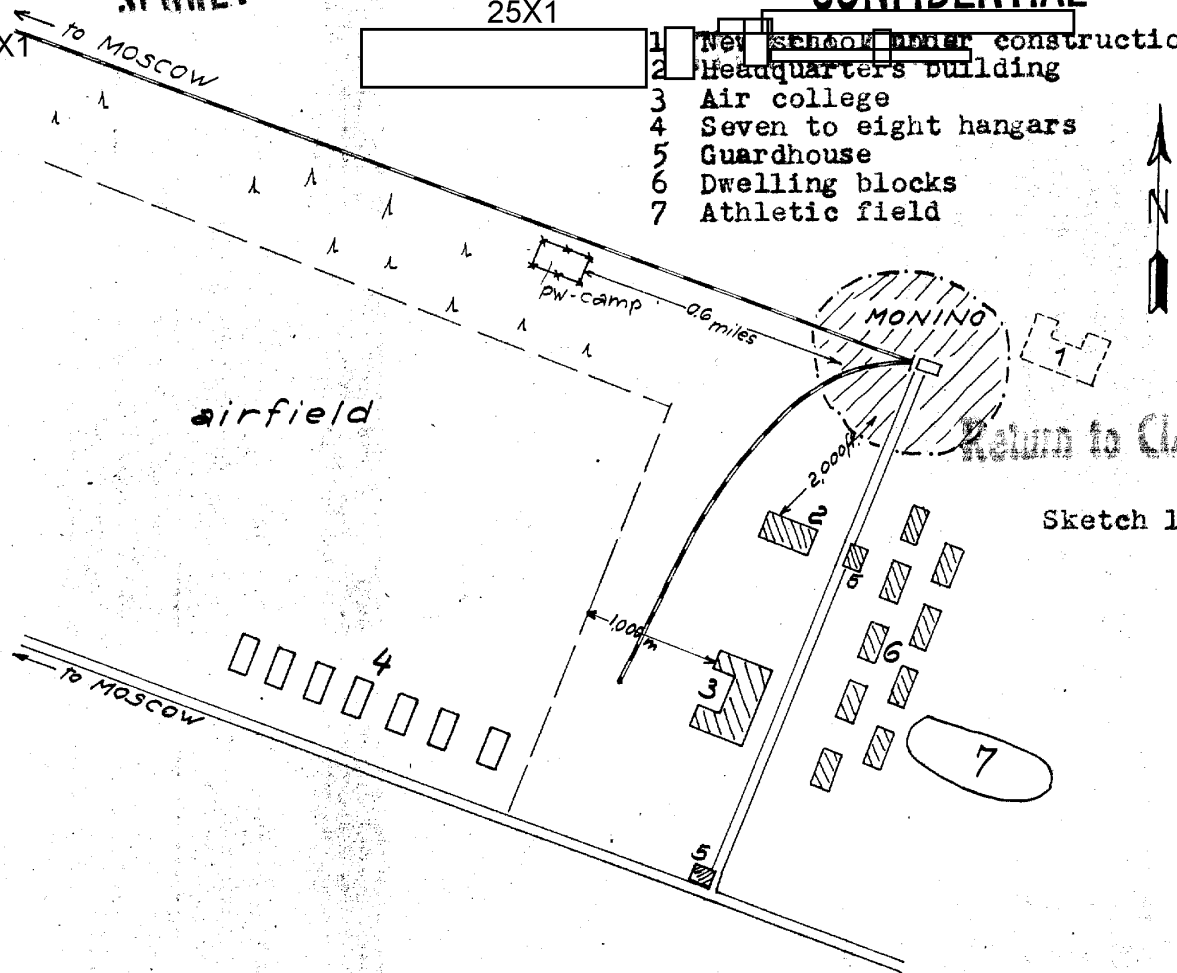
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- 1 New school under construction
- 2 Headquarters building
- 3 Air college
- 4 Seven to eight hangars
- 5 Guardhouse
- 6 Dwelling blocks
- 7 Athletic field

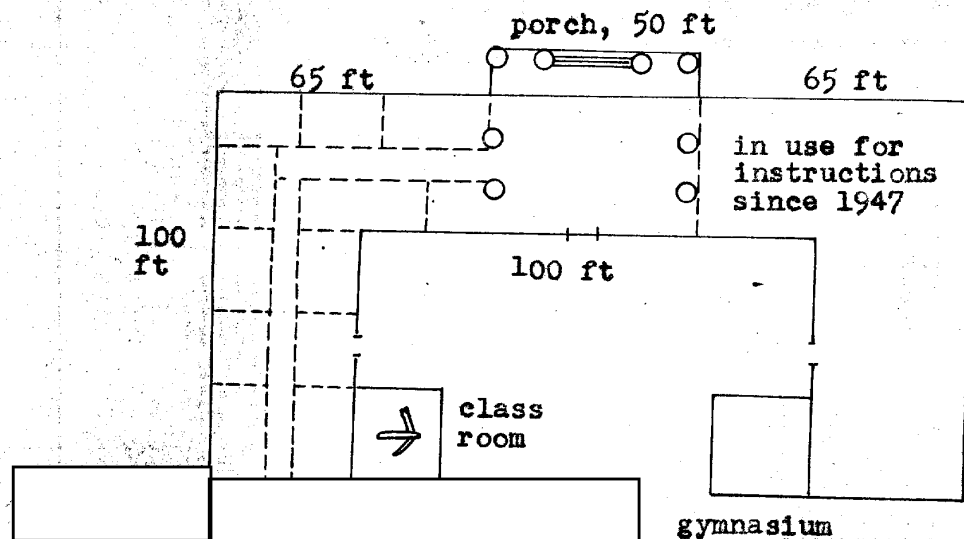
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Sketch 1

Sketch 2

Air Force Academy of Monino



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